

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

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Present: Selectboard members Justin Campbell, Richard Baker, and Christopher Whalen; Assistant Town Clerk Brittany Chouinard; Visitors Meg Eberhardt; Steve Fiske, Charles Burbank, Nathan Phillips, Michele Gonzales

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Justin Campbell.

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** Errors & Omissions - Change to Grand List

Meg Eberhardt speaks on the errors and omissions to the grand list. Solar arrays are nontaxable for education tax which was not known at the time the tax bill was issued. Meg is requesting the change to be granted by the selectboard. Rich approves the errors & omissions change, Justin seconds, all in favor.

**Minutes:** Approved minutes of July 1, 2025

**Public Comment:** Charles Burbank wanted to follow up with the board to see where they were at regarding the Jerusalem Rd discussion talked about at an earlier meeting. Rich explained making changes to the zoning ordinance can take a few months to amend but that he has drafted new language to section 302 Required Frontage on, or Access to, Public roads.

Rich spoke on the draft he had come up with too the board and they had suggested a few edits to the language. Rich will make the changes and submit it to the attorney to review. Chris moves to approve Rich submitting the draft to the attorney, Justin seconds.

Rich informs Charles once the new language has been reviewed by the attorney the next steps would be to warn a hearing for 30 days and then have a hearing open to the public to discuss the changes.

**Statistical Reappraisal:** Meg Eberhardt asks the board if the listers can hire an appraisal company (New England Municipal Consultants) to conduct a statistical reappraisal within the next 2 years due to act 68 passing in 2023 requiring Vermont towns to reappraise every six years starting in January 2025 that would mean we would be due for another reappraisal in 2028. A statistical reappraisal being done within the next 2 years will reset the 6 year clock and is significantly cheaper than doing a full reappraisal. Justin moves to approve the statistical reappraisal, Rich seconds, all in favor.

**EWP Update – Mussels at covered bridge:** Steve Fiske speaks on relocating the Eastern Pearlshell Mussels at the Martins Covered Bridge. Steve speaks on both quotes he got regarding the relocation of the mussels one being From Biodrawversity LLC with a cost estimate amount of \$1,200.00 and another from Arrowwood Environmental with a cost estimate amount of \$5,684.50. Steve also speaks on the population at the bridge now and he stated it is currently a lot lower now than it was prior to the 2 previous year's floods. Rich moves to accept the Biodrawversity quote, Chris seconds, all in favor.

Steve mentions how he has ideas regarding additional mitigation ideas to protect the bridge Chris would be interested in hearing his ideas. Nathan Phillips also talks about the ideas he has for FEMA mitigation and how Steve and Nathan should discuss the ideas further.

**Covered Bridge mowing bids:** No bids received. Nathan Phillips tells the board he has been mowing at the covered bridge and doesn't mind continuing. He didn't know what to ask for in terms of payment, so he didn't submit a bid. Justin tells Nathan to submit a bid for mowing and the board will review it.

Nathan Phillips also speaks on the flood updates regarding finding an engineer to provide us with a proposal on bridge abutments. He said a proposal will follow within the next couple of weeks.

**Picnic Shelter consideration for storage:** The Board discusses payment but unfortunately their hands are tied to offering payment.

**Citizen complaint regarding 6589 US Route 2:** Justin moves to have the clerks office issue a violation letter of Marshfield's Civil Ordinance #1, Regulating the Burning and Disposal of Solid Wastes, specifically Article II. On behalf of the selectboard sent to the homeowner Rich seconds, all in favor.

**CVRPC Mutual Aid Agreement:** Justin moves to approve agreement, rich seconds, all in favor.

**Old Schoolhouse Common – Quote from K Bellavance for clean-outs:** Rich moves to approve estimate, Chris seconds, all in favor.

**LEMP tabletop exercise:** Scheduled for September 23, 2025 from 5:30-7:30pm.

**River Corridor Protection Regulations:** The board has decided to have the Planning Commission to review this further.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brittany Chouinard, Assistant Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the July 15, 2025 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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